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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Smith V

A RESOLUTION recognizing Reverend Thomas Payton.

Whereas, Reverend Thomas Payton will be ordained on March 18, 2007, and will serve at the Cathedral of Faith Church in Michigan City;

Whereas, Reverend Thomas Payton is currently acting as Associate Pastor at the New Friendship M.B. Church in Gary;

Whereas, Reverend Thomas Payton is also serving as President of the Northwest Harvest Foundation and is a Minister of Music;

Whereas, Reverend Thomas Payton was blessed with a

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great musical talent that he plans to use in his ministry;

Whereas, Reverend Payton is an accomplished guitarist and also plays the drums, bass, piano, and organ;

Whereas, Reverend Payton is a great singing talent and has been the opening act for Aretha Franklin, the Temptations and the Dells and has appeared with Jerry Butler and the Jackson 5;

Whereas, One of Reverend Payton's goals is to establish a record label and help young artists;

Whereas, Reverend Payton plans to use his gifts and resources in an Outreach Ministry for the cause of humanity as well as to bring enlightenment and hope to the less fortunate; and

Whereas, Reverend Thomas Payton has been given many gifts, which he is using to bring honor and glory to God: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2 congratulates Reverend Thomas Payton on his ordination and
- 3 encourages him to continue serving God and helping his parishioners
- 4 through music and compassion.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Reverend Thomas
- 7 Payton.

